

Large Crowd Attends Annual Legion Picnic

Last Sunday was the day of the Branch picnic and a good crowd attended. The locale was as in former years Stanley Park, Erin, and this year was held in mid-summer instead of the former September date. The park management claimed there were 900 sat down for supper in the two pavilions — however, we really don't think there were that many, probably about the same as last year.

The day consisted of races for the children and members; a ball game between Hespeler and the Branch, horseshoe and dart tournaments. Races were won by the following:

Boys 6-7 — Jim Bowman, Michael Cummins; Girls 6-7, Roberta Hawes Beverly Handy.

3 and under: Prizes for everyone running in race.

4 and 5 years — Prizes for everyone running in race.

Boys 8-9 — Larry Dewhurst, Keith Wood; Girls 8-9 — Shirley Engleby, Sharon Handy.

Boys 10-11 — Charles Davis, John Cummins; Girls 10-11 — Sharin Harley, Marlene Kemshead.

Boys 12-13 — Bob Kidd, Norm Lockhurst; Girls 12-13, Charlene Day, Barbara May Allen.

Boys balloon race — Norm Lockhurst, Vic Miller.

Boys and girls comic race — Jane McPhedran, Grant Casey.

Ladies Kick the Shoe Mrs. Bruce McCartney, Mrs. Stan Allen.

Ladies Running Race — Mrs. John Patterson.

Ladies Spot Race — Mrs. Jim Davenport.

Ladies Accurate Throw — Mrs. Stan Allen.

Oldest Woman in Attendance — Mrs. T. F. Grieve.

Men's Running Race — Jim Sargent.

Men's Spot Race — Bill Hansen.

Men's Accurate Throw — Ralph Hawes.

Men and Women's Pie Plate Race — Ethel Cuthbert, Jack Kemshead.

Egg Race (Married Couples) — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown.

Mystery Man and Woman Race — Mrs. Charlie Laws; Earl Waller.

The Horseshoe Tournament was won by a team composed of Bud and Gord James.

The supper, supplied by the members, did not run as smoothly this year as others, due mainly to the fact that the whole outdoor pavilion was not available to us due to another picnic, and we ate in the dance pavilion, which while holding more people, tended to scatter the crowd in opposite ends of the park. However, that is the penalty of a large picnic, which no one pavilion will seat.

We were seriously annoyed about the milk situation for the kiddies, which arrived all right, but not nearly enough! The best makeshift that we could do was a few cases of soft drinks sent over.

The ice cream given to the children was donated by our honorary president, Leroy 'Andy' Dale, who wanted to do something for the picnic. Thanks from the entire branch for the gesture, Mr. Dale, and we were glad to see you at the picnic.

Our very deep thanks goes to Sam Tennant for his help, to Marsh Timbers for looking after the P.A. system, Sports chairmen Herb Arnold and Gord King, for the swell job on the races and to their helpers, Alf Sykes, and Dave Bowman, also to the boys who worked so hard during the day helping the enter-

tainment chairman, Gord Jamieson, Jim Murphy, Lorne Cross, Jack Kerr, Dutch and Bruce McCartney, Jim Bell, Bill Collier and many others whose contribution was equally important but whose names just don't come to mind! Thanks to Frank King, Jim Bell and Bruce McCartney for supplying trucks.

Saw a number of former Legion presidents of other branches wandering around the park on Sunday. Among them were two from Toronto whose names unfortunately escaped us, and the Acton past president Bill Maddox, as well as one who attended the picnic with Mr. Dale, past president of Port Colborne, and their first president, Arnold Bennett. One of the lads from Toronto got our name and intends to arrange a ball game with the branch if possible. Joe Martin, brother of Rene, recently moved to town, is also a past president, having headed Callander Legion for a couple of years.

The swimming seemed to be a big attraction on such a hot day as well as the boats.

Wonder if Scotty is going to sign Ralph Hawes up as a ball player? Maybe he should after Ralph managed to put the ball in the barrel. Speaking of Scotty, too bad the fat man's race fell through... understand he'd have been eligible this year, now being in the heavyweight over 200 class!

Speaking of boating, heard a remark passed when one of our prominent members took a member's wife for a boat ride. The person passing the remark said "They are sure taking no chances on any scandal, with the boat loaded down with their kids!"

The ball game went over very well, and the Hespeler boys are to be congratulated for coming over to add this feature to the picnic. Incidentally, how did you boys like the individual trophies we were telling you about?

With the picnic over next feature will be the trip to the Exhibition, and then the corn roast. How the time does fly!

Big challenge from the branch in the neighbouring hamlet (does that describe it adequately?) of Acton. Algy Valey, former Georgetown, now in business in Acton, wants to meet a Georgetown team in the zone golf tournament. His partner? none other than the one and only 'Alderman' Dude Lindsay! They want to take any Branch golf players on for a side bet of \$10.00. How about it, Ken Nash and Harv Chapman!

BALLINAFAD

STADDON NEWLYWEDS HONOURED BY FRIENDS

Friends and neighbors gathered in the hall Friday night to make a presentation of a well filled purse to Mr. and Mrs. James Staddon a recent bride and groom. Dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. F. W. Shortill was hostess for the July meeting of the W.A. Wednesday afternoon. The theme of the Scripture reading was "Obedience" and was taken from John the 14th Chapter. Our Lord never insists on obedience. He makes it quite plain what He wants us to do but never takes means to make us do it. If our relationship to Him is that of love we will do what He says, without any hesitation. A true Christian demonstrates obedience to Christ in daily living. This was given by Mrs. Snow who also led in prayer. The roll call was answered with a variety of safety hints for the home. During the business period there was some discussion on having a booth at a local fall fair. The manse committee reported several needs to be met as soon as possible. Mrs. A. Starret gave a reading by Edna Jaques describing her trip by boat to the Coronation. Mrs. Starret also read a poem relating the duties of a faithful housekeeper. The meeting closed with refreshments being served and a social time enjoyed.

The Young People's group met at Churchill church Sunday evening. The topic for the evening was "Thoughts on Prayer." Each person was asked to compose a prayer on such subjects as Confession, Intercession, Petition, etc., and these were used during the worship service.

Brock Robinson has returned from a two week holiday at the Boy Scout camp near Honey Harbour. Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Russ at the manse on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russ, parents of our minister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holm, all of Hespeler.

Beth McEnery, Sharon Blacklock, Shirley Mack, Elizabeth and Marjory Gibson, Bonny Cotton are spending a few days holidays at Meaford.

Halton Centennial Marked This Year

One cannot help but be tremendously impressed with the vision and foresight of those who 100 years ago, with faith in the future, assembled to bring into being what is now the banner county of the Province of Ontario.

Just 100 years ago today the first County Council of Halton met in Thompson's Inn in Milton and laid the foundation on which our present prosperity rests.

Today, as we look back, we realize that they, the fathers of our local government builded better than they knew. They had that pioneer blood in their veins that urged them on in their endeavours to establish a firm and prosperous county, not so much for themselves as for those that were to follow in their footsteps.

As we look about the county today and see our wide fertile fields, our increased population and expanding industrialization, one cannot have other than a sense of pride in the accomplishments of the past century.

That which has passed in the last 100 years represents a challenge to us who carry on in the present. We must determine, by all means in our power, to contribute our share to the further advancement of the county in order that we may pass on our heritage to those that follow.

One of the smallest counties in the province, Halton has always played a big part in the affairs of the province. From its farm houses have come many men who have contributed in large measure to the economic welfare of the province and the country as a whole.

Previous to 1853 Halton and Wentworth comprised the Gore district. In 1853 Halton separated from Wentworth and was reduced to its present dimensions comprising the four townships — Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Trafalgar and Nelson. The municipalities of the towns of Milton and Oakville were added in 1857, Georgetown in 1865 and in 1874 Burlington and Acton.

The two townships stretching back from the lake took the names of 'Nelson' and 'Trafalgar' from the period subsequent to the Napoleonic wars when they were first settled. The Townships in the upper part of the county have Indian names, "Nassagaweya", meaning "the dividing of the waters" from the watershed formed by the escarpment, and Esquesing, the "land of the tall pines" from the great forests that originally covered this section.

Probably no county in Ontario has a greater variety of soil and elevation than Halton. It possesses land suitable for all phases of agriculture. Lying in the 43rd parallel of latitude it has the most desirable climate, the lake having its influence especially on the southern half.

Great as our progress over these 100 years has been, I am convinced that there are even brighter days ahead. Ontario, and Canada generally, is daily playing a bigger part in the affairs of the world. Halton County, too will increase in stature.

Industrial expansion now being felt within the borders of the county will stimulate our markets and provide employment for our people. Those who 100 years ago laid the cornerstone of our county had faith in the future.

Let us see to it that we are not lacking vision, and united, go on to even better and brighter days. Halton County has always shown that both industry and agriculture can work hand in hand. Let us continue to set that example to all people not only in Canada but in all parts of the world.

—Stanley L. Hall, MPP

FARM NEWS

More Attractive Country As Farm Buildings Painted

As one motors through the county it would seem that more farm buildings have been painted in recent months than in any similar period in many years. And what an improvement one or two coats of paint make. While a paint job costs real money these days, the value of the farm increases accordingly — and what a lot of satisfaction the farm owner and his family must get out of the "face lifting."

FARM NEWS

New Canadian Reports Profitable Litters

A few days ago we had an interesting chat with Klaas Van Tol, who manages and operates the "Longstaff" farm near Campbellville. Mr. Van Tol reports that their two sows farrowed and raised 25 pigs last winter. With weaning pigs a drug on the market at that time, it was decided to buy the feed and finish the 25 pigs for market. The gross returns amounted to \$1375 — the feed bill for the two sows and the 25 pigs amounted to \$735. Incidentally, the two sows have farrowed again and have 19 pigs eight weeks old — the cost of the feed for the sows and the young litters is included in the above figure.

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